GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - State Tax Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB over the Integrated Border Check Post, Naraharipeta, Chittoor dist., on 03.06.2016 - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against (11) Suspected Officers on the allegations of corruption - Inquiry Officer appointed - Report received - Inquiry report along with disagreement factors communicated - Representations received - Examined - Punishment imposed - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE–VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 156 Dated: 25-02-2025

Read the following: -

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.No.58/DES-TCT/2016, dt.10.02.2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.170, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.19.04.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525 and 526, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.19.04.2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1403, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.26.11.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.5, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.02.01.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.389, Revenue (Vig.II) Dept., dt.31.03.2020.
7. From the CCT's Ref.No.V3/240/2016, dt.14.06.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.17023/13/2017-VIG.II, dt.27.06.2022.
9. From the CCST., Lr.No.VI/241/2016, dt.09.09.2022.
10. Written Representations of the Charged Officers.
11. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/39/2016-VIGII–REV, dt.18.03.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has informed that a surprise check was conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Commercial Tax Department, Naraharipeta, Chittoor dist., on 03.06.2016 on the counters maintained by Commercial Tax Dept., Transport Dept., Agriculture Market Committee Dept., and Forest Depts., and found certain irregularities. The ACB have recommended departmental action against the following personnel of Commercial Tax Dept., Transport Dept., Agriculture Market Committee Dept., and Forest Departments :-

CT Dept**:**

1) Sri P.Raja Gopal, DCTO & AO, ICP, CT Dept., O/o.CTO, Chittoor Circle-II, Naraharipeta, Chittoor district (SO-1),
2) Sri Chittiboyina Ramanaiah, ACTO, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta, Chittoor district (SO-2),
3) Sri Avula Radha Murali Krishna, ACTO, ICP, Naraharipeta, (SO-3),
4) Sri Kamatam Madan Mohan, Senior CTI, O/o.CTO, Puttur (SO-4),
5) Sri Buddannagari Balaji Kiran, Junior CTI, O/o.DC (CT), Chittoor (SO-5),
6) Sri Rajaputra Siva Narayana Singh, Office Subordinate, O/o.CTO-II, Tirupati (SO-6),
7) Sri Bestha Adinarayana, Office Subordinate, O/o.CTO, Madanapalle (SO-7),
8) Sri Etigadda Narayanachetty, Hamali, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta, Madanapalle, Chittoor district (SO-8),

Transport Dept: (SO-9)

9) Sri Bandlapalle Srihari, AMVI, RTA Dept. ICP, Naraharipeta, Chittoor (SO-9),

Forest Dept.(SO-10)

10) Sri Dalavai Chandrasekhar, Forest Section Officer, O/o.ICP, Naraharipeta (SO-10),

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AMC Dept: (SO-11)

11) Sri C.Munirathnam, Assistant Marketing Supervisor (SO-11).

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the Suspected Officers 1 to 11th under Rule 24 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for misconduct and violation of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. In the 3rd reference read above, articles of charge were framed against each of them under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, all the Charged Officers submitted their defense statements, and after examining the same, in the reference 4th read above, Smt. B.Geeta Madhuri, Dy. Commissioner of State Tax, Chittoor Division was appointed as the Inquiring Authority and in the reference 5th read above, Sri K.Vijaya Sekhar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati was appointed as Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officers. In the reference 6th read above, Sri P.Nagendra, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati as Presenting Officer in place of Sri K.Vijaya Sekhar, Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati.

4. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax (CCST) furnished the Inquiry Report to the Government for taking further action. After examining the Inquiry Report, in the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry Report, along with the disagreement factors, have been communicated to all the Charged Officers under Rule 21(2) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, with a direction to submit their representations, if any, on the disagreement factors and findings of the Inquiry Authority, within (15) days from the date of receipt. All the Charged Officers submitted their explanations and requested to drop further action against them in this matter.

5. Whereas, the Government, after a detailed examination of the Inquiry Report and the written representations submitted by the Charged Officers to the disagreement factors, found that although mediators did not witness any money exchanges during the surprise check, the unaccounted cash found suggests bribery. It was concluded that the Charged Officers were responsible for the seized amounts based on the preponderance of probability standard in departmental action. The Government have decided to impose penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on the following Charged Officers for the irregularities committed by them and for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect on the following Charged Officers under rule 9 of AP Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 as the written representations submitted by the Charged Officers to the disagreement factors of the disciplinary authority are not convincing: -

Sl.No.	Name of the Charged officer	Punishment imposed
1	Sri P.Raja Gopal, DCTO	a penalty of withholding of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect
2	Sri C.Ramanaiah, ACTO	
3	Sri A.Radha Murali Krishna, ACTO	
4	Sri K.Madan Mohan, Sr.CTI	
5	Sri A.Balaji Kiran, Jr.CTI	
6	Sri R.Siva Narayana Singh, OS	
7	Sri B.Adinarayana, OS	
8	Sri E.Narayana Chetty, Hamali	
9	Sri B.Srihari, AMVI, Transport Dept	

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7. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the individuals (through the CCST, A.P., Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner State Tax., A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P Vigilance Commission.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER